

Shaw jet makes final flight

Static F-16 mounted at new Memorial Park complex



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marie Pintar

Shaw members attach a crane's support cables onto the jet.



Photo by Senior Greg L. Davis

Members of the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron work to secure an F-16 on a display pole early Tuesday. The F-16 will be the center piece of a new park being constructed near Memorial Lake.



Photo by Senior Airman Greg L. Davis

Tech. Sgt. David Rice, 20th EMS, welds a metal plate into place as the aircraft is mounted on a display pole.



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An F-16 appears to run a red light at a Shaw intersection as it is towed down Rhodes Avenue Monday.

Gold Flag

Finding new fixes, saving money

Gold Flag. Who...what...where?

This is a common response Gold Flag team members receive when asked where they work.

The Gold Flag team, part of the 20th Logistics Group, is made up of a variety of aircraft maintenance career fields. Basic electronic and maintenance skills learned in their career fields are utilized daily. The technicians are also sent to school for miniature and microminiature circuit card repair.

Many are probably still wondering what exactly Gold Flag does.

By definition, Gold Flag is a wing level program that works directly under the logistics group commander and is designed to encourage innovation, ingenuity and resourcefulness.

The team provides an opportunity to find safe, new and smart repairs for a resolution of unfilled current mission requirements, according to Master Sgt. Deborah Taylor, Gold Flag program manager.

What does that mean to Shaw?

"We find ways of fixing and or repairing mission capable parts (MICAP) to get those aircraft back in the air," said Taylor. "Many times serviceable assets are not available in supply when we need them, therefore Gold Flag finds ways through coordinating with item managers and depot assistance to fix the broken assets."

This in turn increases the wing's combat capability by improving base self-sufficiency and reducing operations and maintenance costs through the sharing of ideas.

Fulfilling these requirements is where Gold Flag nicknames are derived.

"We have been known over the years as 'dumpster divers' and or 'trash pickers'," said the master sergeant. "This refers to our process of taking

XB3 and XF3 parts that would normally be thrown away and finding an authorized government repair facility capable of fixing them."

Gold Flag receives the parts back in serviceable condition with warranties and places these items back into the supply system. Costs of repairs are normally less than half of the original purchase costs. The money that is saved by this recycling of parts is then funneled back into the wing community.

Wing senior leadership then decides how and when the funds are to be used.

Money that Gold Flag had saved in fiscal year 1999 was used to build the 20th Transportation Squadron's new orderly room and the new enclosed aircraft wash rack facility, according to Taylor.

The supply members of the team stay busy requisitioning parts from base supply, other bases supply as well as Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

They screen all XF3 parts that process through the F-16 Flight Service Center for possible contract repair and recycling and constantly monitor the DRMO website for possible items that can be used at Shaw.

Many base people have benefited from this process by receiving free issue used Gortex rain jackets, back packs and Kevlar helmets.

So far this fiscal year, Gold Flag has saved more than \$285 thousand in avoidance and costs savings wingwide.

Though Gold Flag's main mission is to support the flightline and aircraft maintenance backshops, they find their capabilities reaching much more.

"The Gold Flag team is always trying to stay on the cutting edge of new technologies," said Taylor. "As needs arise, we try to accommodate our customers.

This led to Tech. Sgt. Pflaum becoming qualified in fiber optic repair.

He has assisted the Army and the Pointsett Bombing



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Jones

Senior Airman Blake Mason, Gold Flag circuit card repair technician, repairs a night vision infrared harness Tuesday.

range in repairing some of their fiber optic cables."

The Gold Flag team currently has three maintenance technicians and two supply technicians assigned. Tech. Sgt. Kevin Pflaum is the team's lead circuit card repair (CCR) technician and Air Combat Command certifier; Senior Airman Blake Mason, CCR technician; SrA Micheal Rodriguez, CCR technician in training and Senior Airmen Tinale Hearn and William Revette are the supply technicians.

So in a nutshell, the Gold Flag Program is capable of repairing, manufacturing or procuring a wide variety of cables, circuit cards and components.

"If there is something people would like us to look at please give us a call at **895-1189**," said Taylor. "We are always looking for new ways of doing something."

(Courtesy of 20th Fighter Wing Gold Flag)

Scared Straight

Juvenile Corrections Board gives delinquent youth guidance

By Adriene M. Dicks
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Discipline is an important part of the Air Force for officers and enlisted members. Here at Shaw, the Juvenile Corrections Board is in place to caution dependent youths that discipline is also important for them.

The JCB is a disciplinary committee that handles cases of dependent juvenile misconduct on base. A juvenile is any unmarried person under the age of 18 years.

The board is usually comprised of the support group commander, a judge advocate, a representative from security forces and the support group superintendent.

The current members of the JCB are Col. Chris Livingston, 20th Support Group commander, Maj. Stephen Shrewsbury, 20th Fighter Wing deputy staff judge advocate, Master Sgt. Bob Healy, 20th Security Forces Squadron and Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Williams, 20th Support Group Superintendent.

The JCB program applies to active duty members, retired military members and their family members who live on or have access to the base.

When a case is brought before the JCB, the parents and the juvenile are present. The board speaks to the parents first to find out what they are doing to discipline the juvenile for his or her actions.

After the board addresses the parents, the juvenile is brought before the board to explain what happened and why the crime was committed. The board shows any evidence that they have that the juvenile committed the crime. If the juvenile has been shoplifting and videotape

is available, the parents are also allowed to see it.

Based on the information presented by the parents, the juvenile's attitude and the evidence, the JCB decides what action needs to be taken. Some of the more frequent disciplinary actions are community service with Security Forces and the temporary suspension of access to AAFES facilities. A more severe action is debarment from the base, which may result in termination of the parents' privilege to reside on base.

Failure to comply with the decision of the JCB can also result in a recommendation for debarment from the base.

According to Tech Sgt. Linda Sennett, 20th Fighter Wing legal office, "Only the wing commander has the authority to debar someone from the base but the board can make the recommendation for debarment based on the evidence."

If juveniles are assigned community service with the SFS, not only will they clean base facilities and do base beautification, but they will also write an essay. Writing this essay gives them the chance to reflect on their wrongdoing and express to the board what they have learned from their experiences.

Even though the Juvenile Corrections Board does not have a regularly set time for meetings, the board does meet on a regular basis.

"We have a case before the Juvenile Corrections Board every month, sometimes twice a month, and it's typically an all day process," said Sennett.

A lot of the crime is seasonal. According to Healy, "Crime increases in the summer-time and around the Christmas holidays."

The most common juvenile crime is shoplifting at the shoppette and the Base Exchange.

However, there is a very low rate of repeat offenders.

Healy said, "Very few of the juveniles that come before the Juvenile Corrections Board have any more disciplinary problems. It teaches them a lesson."

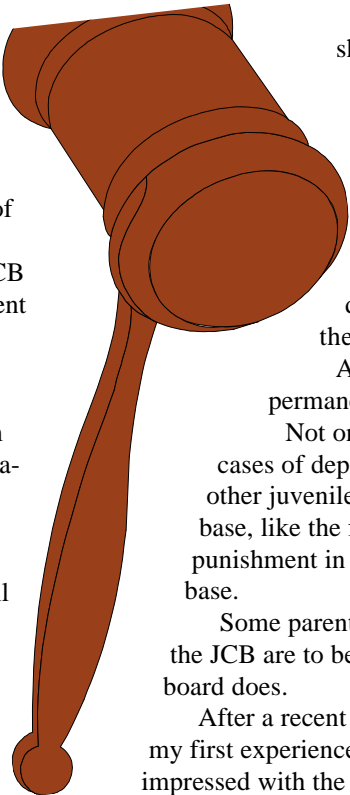
Also, the offenses do not go on the permanent record.

Not only does the JCB handle the cases of dependent misconduct, but also any other juvenile that may commit a crime while on base, like the friend of a dependent. The usual punishment in this situation is debarment from the base.

Some parents whose children have been before the JCB are to be thankful for the work that the board does.

After a recent case, one parent wrote, "Today was my first experience with a corrections board and I was impressed with the manner in which all board members expressed themselves to my son and with the overall handling of the situation."

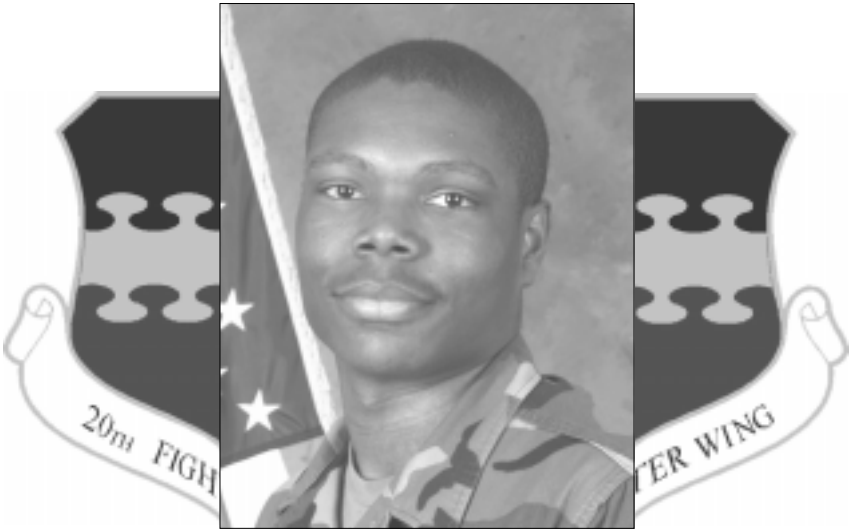
"The JCB is a great tool to help parents teach wayward youths and maintain good order and discipline at Shaw," said Shrewsbury.



Spirit Spotlight

Airman Jason D. Haynes

Squadron: 20th Comptroller Squadron
Hometown: Detroit
Time at Shaw: 5 months
Job description: Inputs TDY travel vouchers within a 3-day turn around in addition to inputting other pay documents to include family separation allowance, allotments and BAQ.
Career goals: To become an accountant
Favorite Movie: *Lean on Me*
Book: *Black Boy*
Who is your hero? My mother and father. Because without them I wouldn't be here.
If you could retire anywhere, where would it be? Michigan
What things have you done recently, on base and in the local area, for fun? I enjoy playing basketball and working out at the base fitness center.



“Airman Haynes shows real initiative and is always willing to take on any new task. H e’s an outstanding airman.”
Staff Sgt. Gennifer Sauter, 20th Comptroller Squadron